

Tile Team Helps Abe a Tile at a Time



Photo By MCSN James Evans
Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Scott Ring uses an air hammer to remove old tiling from Abe's deck.

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While USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) is in dry dock, many of the Lincoln's crew are contributing to the ship's refurbishment and saving the Navy a significant amount of money by performing duties outside the usual scope of their ratings.

According to Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (AW/FMF) Danny Diaz, the floor tile team's leading petty officer, on average, a civilian contractor would cost the Navy upwards of 25 dollars an hour to perform this kind of work. With approximately 2,800 man hours worth of tiling to be done, the economic benefits of having sailors do the work are enormous.

Diaz's team of 36 Sailors is tasked with rehabilitating roughly 200 of Lincoln's tiled spaces. For many of the team members, the 2006 Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA) period will be a crash course in the fine art of laying vinyl floor tiles.

"None of these guys are professional tilers," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Taron Webb, a veteran tile team member who served on the team during Lincoln's last DPIA in 2003 and 2004. "But by the time we leave the yards, most of them will be able to lay floor tile well enough that if they got out of the Navy tomorrow, they could go and do this professionally."

According to Webb, the first step in the tiling process is ripping out the old tiling.

Using air hammers, needle guns, grinders, sanders, chisels, and whatever else is at their disposal, the team painstakingly

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Indiana Pacers Cheerleaders Visit Abe's Crew

By MC2(SW) MICHAEL HART
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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) has hosted a wide variety of visitors ranging from Brunei royalty to stars of the silver screen.

On Sept. 22, Indiana Pacers cheer-

leaders visited Abe's crew, setting up an autograph table on the mess decks of the berthing barge nearby during lunch.

"Coming here is the least we can do," said Karen Atkeson, from the Pacer's Marketing office. "It's a good way to show our support."

Abe's visitors are no strangers to visit-

ing commands far from their home state through Armed Forces Entertainment.


"We've been to Fort Lewis, Fort Hood, Bosnia, Kosovo, London and Norway," said Michelle Bowyer, who has been with the Pacer's cheerleading squad for

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At The Movies

The Kings of Gross-Out Return

By MC2(SW) DAN CLEARY

Penny Press staff

Hi I'm Johnny Knoxville, and I saw Jackass 2! That's right folks: all your favorite skater punks (*Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Preston Lacy, Wee Man*) are back for more crazy shenanigans.

Our story starts off when the evil Preston Lacy kidnaps Princess Wee Man. It's up to our heroes Prince Knoxville and Sir Bam Margera to save the day.

JUST KIDDING!

We all know what Jackass is all about. For those of you who are freshmen to the world of Jackass and Camp Kill Yourself (CKY) let me explain.

Jackass 2 is a collection of idiotic stunts, skits, and all forms of ill-mannered pranks.

For those of you who might say "Jackass 2 is going to be just like the first one," I

beg to differ.

It's pretty clear this movie has a larger budget than the first one did, with cameos by famous actors like Luke Wilson and Jay Chandrasekhar (*Super Troopers*) and a spendy musical number.

The stunts are much more extravagant, such as Johnny Knoxville riding a big red rocket over a lake and Wee Man bungeecord off of Preston Lacy.

As is the tradition with most sequels, especially any action flick sequel, the boys push the envelope.

I can't describe how they push the envelope, we have to keep this paper PG, but the movie really deserves its R rating.

This movie was a laugh riot! Every skit in this movie was comedy gold. It's one of those movies where you're like "Ah, is it over already?" I have to admit though; it is a total "guy movie."

There is absolutely no plot and most of

the movie is just watching people get hurt. So fellas, either make it a guy's night out or take the little lady to a romantic dinner first, then to the movie.

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The cast of Jackass return with new, sick and disturbing stunts.

Despite their absence from the small screen, the boys still have it. Jackass 2 gets four-and-a-half out of five Dano's.



The Navy's 231st Birthday Ball is Oct. 13 on Naval Station Everett from 5 to 10 p.m. Tickets for E-6 and below is \$30. E-7 to O-3 is \$35, and O-4 and above \$40. For more information call (425) 304-3918.



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Western Hemisphere countries agree to establish a neutrality zone around the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North and South America to be enforced by the U.S. Navy. The zone is established at a Congress of American States meeting in Panama.

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News

Don't Be a Financial Victim

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Special to the Penny Press

One of the biggest concerns the Navy is working on right now is protecting its Sailors from predatory lenders.

As the Navy's concern grows, so does the problem. Do you know what a victim looks like to a payday lender?

Well, chances are if you are military, under 25, and away from home for the first time, the victim looks a lot like you.

According to the Department of Defense's latest report on predatory lending, nearly 50 percent of enlisted servicemembers are less than 25 years old, typically without a lot of experience in managing finances, and without a cushion of savings to help them through emergencies.

They are on their own without the guidance or assistance of family, with perhaps their first significant paycheck.

They are paid regularly and are not likely to be downsized, out sourced or to quit their employment. And, the military makes it a priority for servicemembers to pay their debts. And predatory lenders know this.

So what does a predatory lender look like? Frankly, your best friend -- at least at first.

They're readily available around most military bases, and require little more than an avenue of repayment to loan you money.

Please understand this -- your financial ability to pay them back is no concern to them. They don't care if they cause

you more financial hardship. They want to secure income based on checks, bank accounts, car titles, tax refunds, etc.

And according to the report, 91 percent of the loans require the borrower to pay it off completely by the next payday, which most cannot afford to do.

Now the lender has the borrower where they want him. The borrower must borrow again and pay a fee, or the lender will cash the uncovered check and the servicemember will face serious consequences. The average borrower pays back \$834 for a \$339 loan.

There are so many legitimate alternatives to get out of a financial problem than to go to one of these places. Your first step should be your command financial counselor.

I know that asking for financial help may feel uncomfortable at first, but things can only get more uncomfortable as you get deeper into debt.

For instance, 80 percent of all denials and revocations of security clearances in the Navy last year were linked to financial reasons. For rates that depend on their clearances, financial health could be detrimental to your career.

Another resource is your Navy Legal Services Office (NLSO). I highly recommend taking your contracts for car loans, house loans, and financial loans, to someone with experience who can look at what you are getting into.

There, someone looking out for your best interests can advise you before you sign something you'll regret.

And lastly, the Navy Marine Corps



Relief Society (NMCRS) is a safety-net for Sailors with financial hardships.

There, they can receive budget counseling and financial assistance to find their way out of whatever crisis they may be in. In 2005, NMCRS provided nearly \$36 million in no-interest loans or grants to more than forty-thousand cases at an average of \$835 per case. No, they won't loan you money to get that brand new I-Pod you've been eyeing, but they can see to it that you're financially capable of saving enough to buy it yourself.

The bottom line -- you must educate yourself and seek out help from reliable, trustworthy sources.

Remember that your time and money is worth checking out the alternatives, as well as the small print. In the long run, you'll get more out of every payday, and feel more secure financially.

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six years.

Bowyer added that the trips benefit the cheerleaders as well as U.S. servicemembers.

"It's our way to thank you for what you do," said Bowyer. "It's also a way for us to see parts of the world that we would usually never see."

By seeing new sites, the cheerleaders come back with new appreciation for being in the United States.

"After we visited Bosnia, we came back with more pride for our country," said Bowyer.

Although Armed Forces Entertainment has afforded the cheerleaders travel opportunities that they may not have had before, the cheerleaders afforded Abe Sailors the opportunity for new things as well.

"I've never had four women hanging all over me before today," said Damage Controlman Fireman Anthony Jaques. "I loved it."

Before the autograph signings, they also held clinics for Fort Lewis families.

"The clinics were for the kids," Bowyer



Photo By MCSN James McGury

Cheerleaders from the Indiana Pacers visited Lincoln Sailors Friday to hand out autographed pictures to the crew. The Pacers cheerleaders have visited other commands through Armed Forces Entertainment. Cheerleaders pictured from left to right are Melanie Potesta, Kirston Hiller, Nikki Green and Michelle Bowyer.

said. "It was also a chance for families to spend time together. We brought mascots and put on a variety show for them."

Bowyer added that throughout their travels, they've managed to keep in contact with some of the servicemembers that

they've met stateside and abroad.

Armed Forces Entertainment sends actors, musicians and sports stars to various military commands throughout the world.

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removes the old floor covering and strips the deck down to the bare metal. For some tile team members, this process can be somewhat therapeutic.

"Rip-out is probably my favorite part of the job, because they give you power tools and you get to break stuff and pound out some aggression," said Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Scott Ring, taking a break from operating a heavy-duty air hammer.

Once the deck is stripped, it is cleaned, primed, and a liquid leveler is laid down to form a perfectly flat, smooth under layer for the tiles to adhere to.

"The leveler is the most complicated part of the process because it has to be done just right or else you have to start over," Webb said.

After the leveler has cured overnight, a layer of black adhesive is applied and the team begins laying floor tiles one by one.

Many must be cut to shape to fit around protruding pipes, wires, and other deck protrusions. Strict attention is paid to the orientation of individual tiles to ensure that the "grain" of each one runs perpendicular to the one next to it.

"Somebody a long time ago decided that that was the most visu-

ally pleasing arrangement for these kinds of tiles, and I must admit, I've seen one that was laid wrong and it looks horrible," Webb said.

Finally, after tiles have been put down, the completed surface is stripped of excess adhesive and a finisher is applied. The team is then ready to move onto the next space.

"Once everyone kind of finds their groove and parts of the team start to specialize, it gets to be a very smooth flowing process," Webb said.



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ATAN Todd Edens uses a needle gun to strip primer and old tile adhesive from the deck.

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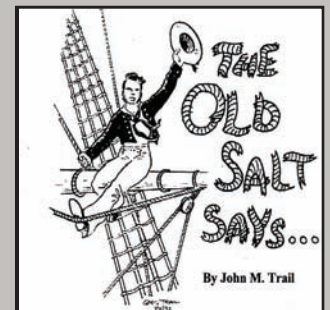
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Ship's Husband

"Well blow me down, shipmates," you have all heard a ship called a "she," but did you know ships have "husbands?" Sometimes when a ship is headed for the yards, an Old Salt will say "she is going to see her husband now," and it causes the novice to wonder what he is talking about. A ship's "husband" was once a widely used term which described the man in charge of the shipyard responsible for the repair or overhaul of a particular ship. It was once not uncommon to hear Sailors of creaky ships lament, "Ah, she's been a good ship, lads, but she's needing her husband now." In the course of a ship's life, she will have had more than one "husband" but this has little bearing upon her true affections. Tradition has it; her love was solely for her Sailors who cared for her.



Final Words



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew



Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jacqueline Johnson tightens connections on the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN-72) Ships Information Training and Entertainment (SITE) television system.

Lincoln is currently in dry-dock and is scheduled to undergo repair and refurbishment as part of a Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA) period at PSNS over the next six months.

Photo By MCSN James Evans

Editor's Top 10

New reality shows on network T.V.

10. **Amazing Race.** Teams race against the clock before the ship goes to six-day work weeks.

9. **Stinkin' Badges.** Junior Sailors try and find their lost FA badges in giant tubs of chocolate pudding.

8. **Fear Factor.** Sailors blend discarded food items from the mess decks.

7. **Biggest Losers.** Follow around Mariner fans for a whole season.

6. **Real World Bremerton.** Follow seven strangers as they explore B-town.

5. **This Old Ship.** Bob Villa installs jacuzzis and gazebos throughout a carrier.

4. **Queer Eye for the Navy Guy.**

3. **Pimp my barge.**

2. **Lost in the Dry Dock.**

1. **XO Knows Best.**

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Safety Sailor of the Week

While using a needle gun prepping an emergency scuttle for painting, AR Justin Force of Air Dept.'s V-3 division ensured his safety by using the proper PPE (goggles, gloves and double hearing protection).



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